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1. WITH REGARD TO QUESTIONS POSED BY MFA OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR ENERGY, KRUSE, QUESTION OF LIMITING MEMBERSHIP IN EACH COMMISSION TO A MAXIMUM OF 15 HAS ALREADY BEEN THOROUGHLY VETTED WITH GOVERNMENTS OF PREPCON I COUNTRIES. ALL COUNTRIES, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF INDIA, HAVE AGREED TO 15 AS THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF WORK EFFECTIVELY. INDEED, MANY COUNTRIES URGED THAT THE MEMBERSHIP BE LESS EVEN AS LOW AS SIX. IN VIEW OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT, WE STRONGLY URGE THAT ANY DISCUSSION OF ENLARGING THE MEMBERSHIP BE DISCOURAGED.

2. WITH REFERENCE TO THE FOURTH COMMISSION, AS YOU KNOW, SAUDIS ARE PRESENTLY HOLDING FIRM ON THIS QUESTION, SUPPORTED BY THE FRENCH. WE ARE PRESENTLY ENGAGED IN AN EFFORT TO SEE WHETHER A COMPROMISE IS POSSIBLE THAT WOULD ALLOW US TO MEET THE SAUDI'S NEEDS, WHILE, AT THE SAME TIME, PRESERVING OUR INTERESTS.

3. IN GENERAL, WE WOULD APPRECIATE POSTS' REPORTING ANY WAVERING IN SUPPORT OF OUR PLANS TO RESUME THE P/C DIALOGUE ALONG LINES LAID DOWN IN REFTEL B. DANGER WE CONFIDENTIAL

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FACE WHILE TRYING TO SETTLE THE QUESTION OF FOURTH COMMISSION IS THAT OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE PACKAGE MAY BEGIN TO UNRAVEL. IN ANY DISCUSSION WHICH ADDRESSEES MAY HAVE ON THIS MATTER, WE REQUEST THAT YOU DO UTMOST TO DISCOURAGE ANY TENDENCY TO ADVANCE ALTERNATIVE PLANS OR ARRANGEMENTS. IT IS ESSENTIAL NOW THAT WE HOLD EVERYONE IN LINE IN TERMS OF OUR BASIC PACKAGE UNTIL THE QUESTION OF THE FOURTH COMMISSION CAN BE NAILED DOWN.

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